--- 4 Cigars - Series “A” - 44 x 29 mm. design - scanned at 100% scale ---

--- recess printed on medium wove with an indistinct *vertical* mesh ---

--- *coarse roulette* - with 4½ mm. *blue control numbering* ---

In 1926 the special tax on small packages was abolished. The new Series “A” was introduced by CBN. The tax was now $ 3.00 per pound on any size cigar package.

The catalogue lists the recess printed four cigar Series “A” black stamp as follows:

RG-594 - 4 cigars, black, coarse roulette, on vertical mesh wove - 4½ mm blue control numbers

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★**RG-594 SP** - 4 cigars, black, *coarse roulette*, on medium wove with an indistinct *vertical* mesh, control number **0450008**, stamped ***Sample*** in purple script

★**RG-594** - 4 cigars, black, *coarse roulette*, on medium wove with an indistinct *vertical* mesh, control number **0588419**, roller cancelled by “Benson & Hedges”, Montreal - **34-10-D**

0003839	RG-594	4 cigars, coarse roulette, by “Benson & Hedges”, Montreal - **34-10-D**
0034196	RG-594	4 cigars, coarse roulette, by “Tuckett Tobacco”, Montreal - **5-10-D**
0038318	RG-594	4 cigars, coarse roulette, by “Tuckett Tobacco”, Montreal - **5-10-D**
0317046	RG-594	4 cigars, coarse roulette, by “Tuckett Tobacco”, Montreal - **5-10-D**
0401940 ★	RG-594	4 cigars, coarse roulette, uncancelled
0450008 ★	RG-594 SP	4 cigars, coarse roulette, stamped ***Sample*** in purple script
0577126	RG-594	4 cigars, coarse roulette, by “Benson & Hedges”, Montreal - **34-10-D**
0579737	RG-594	4 cigars, coarse roulette, by “Benson & Hedges”, Montreal - **34-10-D**
0588419 ★	RG-594	4 cigars, coarse roulette, by “Benson & Hedges”, Montreal - **34-10-D**
0640435	RG-594	4 cigars, coarse roulette, by “Benson & Hedges”, Montreal - **34-10-D**
0641247	RG-594	4 cigars, coarse roulette, by “Jose Granda”, Montreal - **7-10-D**
0643074	RG-594	4 cigars, coarse roulette, by “Jose Granda”, Montreal - **7-10-D**
0668557	RG-594	4 cigars, coarse roulette, by “Jose Granda”, Montreal - **7-10-D**
0675913	RG-594	4 cigars, coarse roulette, by “Jose Granda”, Montreal - **7-10-D**
0874688 ○	RG-594	4 cigars, coarse roulette, by “Jose Granda”, Montreal - **34-10-D**

Without any documentation as proof, I feel that the ***Sample*** stamps originated with CBN, after its 1923 formation, as a separate Canadian Branch of ABN, New York.

--- 4 Cigars - Series “A” - 44 x 29 mm. design ---

--- recess printed - 6” x 7½” large Die Proof [X-G-160] - scanned at 100% scale ---

★**RG-594 DP** - 4 cigars, the central 5” x 3¾” central portion of the 6” x 7½” large die proof [X-G-160]

--- the four Cigar Transfer Roll and Plate ---

[information from Chris Ryan]

In a memorandum to *D. Sims, Esq.* (Deputy Minister of National Revenue, Customs and Excise) dated June 14th 1944, *L. A. White* and *C.R. Coombs* record the destruction of the ABN / CBN cigar roll No. 477-XG for the Series “A” four cigar 44 x 29 mm. bilingual stamp.

In a similar memorandum, dated June 8th 1944, they record the destruction of the ABN / CBN plate No. 1 for the four cigar Series “A” 44 x 29 mm. bilingual stamp. The 150 impression plate was probably arranged 10 x 15 stamps - JBH.

In the memorandum to *D. Sims, Esq.* (Deputy Minister of National Revenue, Customs and Excise) dated June 14th 1944, *L. A. White* and *C.R. Coombs* record the destruction of the ABN / CBN die XG-160 for the 44 x 29 mm. bilingual four cigar stamp of Series “A”.

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